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THIS MARKS THE FIRST APPEARANCE OF INA, BUT IT IS THE HOPE OF OFFICERS THAT IT SOON WILL BE A MONTHLY (AND WELCOME) VISITOR IN MANY IOWA HOMES. THIS ISSUE GOES TO ALL KNOWN COLLECTORS IN IOWA--IN THE FUTURE IT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ONLY TO MEMBERS. IF YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER, SEND 50¢ for 1938-1939 DUES TO SECRETARY EARL M. COLE, 914 FRAZIER STREET, DES MOINES. PLEASE JOIN US!!! DO IT TODAY!

49 collectors joined the organization in Iowa City June 19. That's a fine start, but it should be double that number by the time we meet in Des Moines early in October. Mr. J. Henri Ripstra told us Iowa led numismatics this year--let's make him say it again in 1939.

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APPLICATION BLANKS ARE AVAILABLE

Application blanks for INA may be obtained from Secretary Cole or from any member of the membership committee. We're planning one or two nice prizes for the persons getting the most members by Oct. 1. ARE YOU IN? Memberships obtained anytime between now and then will count. Send the application and the 50¢ to either Mr. Cole or Mr. Baker.

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PLANS FOR MEETING IN DES MOINES PROGRESSING

R. E. "Mac" McLain, chairman of the meeting in Des Moines this fall, is hard at work on plans for that convention and will announce the program within another few weeks. "It will be a honey and the person remaining away will regret it always," says Mr. McLain. Des Moines is considered America's leading convention city, so we'll be expecting a good time. There will be a breakfast meeting followed by meetings of officers and committees, before the general business session.

We learned a lot from the Iowa City meeting--it was arranged entirely by mail, with the men in charge living in different cities and with no representative in the convention town....Among other things, we entirely forgot the bridge game arranged for the ladies, although we brought along the cards and had arranged for the use of a room at the hotel. Mr. McLain, having his committee right there in Des Moines, is planning the meeting so there will be no slip-ups and no confusion. There will be an auction and lists will be available. Information may be obtained from him about the auction. And there'll be a top-notch speaker following the noon banquet.

DEALERS' BOURSE IS SUGGESTED

The Lawrence brothers of Anamosa suggest we have a dealers' bourse at Des Moines, with dealers permitted to display their wares. What do you think of it? Perhaps we could rent card tables to dealers at \$1 each or more or less, for this purpose, and thereby increase the financial standing of INA. Write Mr. McLain or Ted Hammer your views on this.

MEDALS ARE EXHAUSTED SAYS COLE

So many persons sent in after the Iowa City meeting to buy the Iowa collectors' medals, the supply has been exhausted. We donated one to the ANA library, Chase collection in New York, and to several dealers who helped us financially by donating coins for the Iowa City meeting.

ADVERTISING IN INA ISSUES

25¢

In future bulletins, advertisements will be accepted if enough come in to make it worth while. Ad rates will be 50¢ per square inch for display and 1¢ a word for classified. Only members in good standing may advertise. As the bulletin becomes larger, we'll try and add a "swap" column open free to members. Okay?

INA COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS--JULY 1938

EVANCE COMMITTEE--A. E. Watson, Grundy Center, chairman, David Pierce, Ottumwa, and E. J. Osthalter, Muscatine. Duties--Persons with grievances should write the chairman of this committee full reports and the committee will investigate, taking action where necessary or possible, and otherwise recommending action to the INA board.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE--R. E. McLain, Des Moines, Chairman. He will appoint his sub-committees, having full charge of the October meeting.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE--M. A. Radke, 909 35th St., chairman; W. W. Scott 3416 Crocker St; Albert J. Todd, 419 Sath. Sureties Bldg., and A. R. Goodman, 3117 Cleveland, all of Des Moines. This committee shall receive and investigate all applications for membership, being free to call upon members throughout the state for such investigations. Where the committee feels no investigation is necessary, it will recommend acceptance. All members of this committee live in Des Moines, address of the INA, because frequent meetings are necessary and the President advises that in the future all members of this committee from the same city or town. Every INA member is an ex-officio member of this committee. This committee on finding an applicant "okay" will notify the secretary, turning in his or her application together with fees at that time.

LEGAL COMMITTEE--W. M. Baker, Davenport, Chairman; Carl Albaugh, Ames; V. Leon Belt, Waterloo; Oliver J. Schutte, Waterloo, Robert Colflesh, Des Moines; Dr. R. J. Schneider, Rock Island. Duties of this committee in addition to investigation along legal lines will include acting as parliamentary law advisors during all board or regular meetings, and their rulings will be final unless there is a conflict with the constitution or by-laws of the INA. This committee also shall interpret this constitution and by-laws.

INTER-RELATIONS COMMITTEE--Lewis K. Ferguson, Ames, Chairman; Mrs. Andrew Klitgaard, Harlan; Carl Houdek of Muscatine; R. M. Janda of Des Moines; Lawrence Freytag, Reynolds, Ill.; F. W. Allen of Muscatine; A. M. Kagan of Des Moines; B. H. Sherrard of Rock Island, Ill.; Carl Casten, Muscatine; C. B. Anderson, Ames; Everett Dietz of Waterloo; and Lauren Benson, Davenport. Duties of this committee will become more and more important as the organization grows. It will promote better relations between INA and other organizations, increase such relations, and work with the extension committee, helping form clubs over the state and so on.

JUNIOR COLLECTORS--This committee also will become more and more important--helping juvenile collectors shall be an important function of the INA, it was decided at Iowa City. Members of this committee are: D. W. Field, Muscatine, Chairman; D. M. Green, Fairfield; J. J. Casper, Guttenberg; E. J. Johnston, Iowa City; and Earl Pettit, Reynolds Illinois.

EXTENSION COMMITTEE--Bert Gillam, Cedar Rapids, Chairman; L. G. Rogers Waterloo; L. M. Chenoweth, Des Moines; Harold Smith, Iowa City; and C. A. Hahn, Muscatine. This committee has the job of furthering local clubs, working with the membership, inter-relations and junior collectors' committee.

PUBLICITY--Ted Hammer, Burlington, Chairman; J. B. Simon, Davenport; Mrs. Carl Casten, Muscatine; Earl M. Cole, Des Moines; W. H. Davis, Marshalltown; Lawrence Freytag, Reynolds, Ill.; V. R. Franklin, Muscatine; Mrs. Elmer Laurent, Clinton; Walter Bohler, Ames; L. A. Page, Mason City; Ernest Moore, Muscatine.

DISCERNING COMMITTEE:--This is the group comprised of veterans who help the rest of us on all matters of policy, rulings on committees' duties etc. Members are C. E. Briggs, Cedar Rapids; J. Henri Ripstra, Chicago; M. V. Sheldon, Chicago; Lee Hewitt, Chicago; T. J. Barnes, Cedar, Ia.; Morton and Joseph Stack of Chicago; R. E. McLain, Des Moines.

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MINUTES OF THE IOWA CITY MEETING WILL BE POSTED INSIDE THE DES MOINES MEETING PLACE. We'll try to have several copies--all should read them, and if there is any suggestion, it should be made during the business meeting or to Secretary Cole. The Constitution may be read there, also.

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OFFICERS OF IOWA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Ted Hammer, 1511 S. Main St., Burlington, President.
R. E. McLain, Insurance Exchange Bldg., Des Moines, 1st Vice President.
V. Leon Belt, 227½ E. Fourth St., Waterloo, Second Vice President.
Earl M. Cole, 914 Frazier St., Des Moines, Secretary-treasurer.
Ernest Moore, 314 W. 4th St., Muscatine; Elmer Laurent, 229 Myra Place, Clinton; Walter P. Bohler, 307 Stanton Ave., Ames; Lloyd G. Rogers, 1425 Williston, Waterloo; and L. A. Page, 609 N. Madison, Mason City, Directors.

OTHER MEMBERS OF INA (WHO SIGNED AT IOWA CITY)

J. Henri Ripstra, 5 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.
E. H. Johnston, 1107 Rochester, Iowa City, Iowa
W. M. Baker, 2825 Davenport, Davenport, Iowa
A. R. Goodman, 3117 Cleveland, Des Moines.
M. Vernon Sheldon, 915 Oakdale, Chicago, Ill.
Lee F. Hewitt, 5450 N. Clark St., Chicago.
J. J. Casper, Guttenburg, Iowa
Lewis K. Ferguson, Camp S 103, Ames, Iowa
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T. J. Barnes, Cedar, Iowa
R. M. Janda, 2722 Mondamin, Des Moines, Iowa
David Pierce, 114 S. Fellows St., Ottumwa, Iowa
Harold A. Smith, 624 S. Governor, Iowa City,
B. A. Gillham, 1517 3rd Ave., E., Cedar Rapids
F. W. Allen, 1002 Cedar St., Muscatine, Iowa
Earl Pettit, Reynolds, Illinois
Arthur M. Kugin, 704 Grand Ave., Des Moines
B. H. Sherrard, Rock Island, Illinois
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Carl Caston, 100½ E. 2nd St., Muscatine
Carl Albaugh, 1328 Kellogg, Ames, Iowa
Joseph B. Stack, 1962 58th St., Brooklyn, N.Y.
Morton Stack, 32 West 46th St., New York City
Oliver J. Schutte, 616 Burtch, Waterloo, Iowa
A. E. Watson, Grundy Center, Iowa
Carl F. Houdek, 1013 E. 8th St., Muscatine
D. N. Green, Fairfield, Iowa
C. B. Anderson, 1015 Sixth St., Ames, Iowa
Everett Dietz, 219 Duryea, Waterloo, Iowa
C. A. Hahn, 410 Chestnut, Muscatine, Iowa
E. J. Osthalter, 204 West 5th St., Muscatine
Dr. J. R. Schneider, 505 Safety Bldg., Rock Island, Ill.
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38th St., Des Moines
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Des Moines, Iowa
M. A. Radke, 909 35th
St., Des Moines, Iowa



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ANA Convention To Be Held
In Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 13

An attendance of 400 members of the American Numismatic Association is expected at the annual Convention, to be held in Columbus, Ohio, the week of Aug. 13. It is a highly worthwhile meeting and all who can attend are urged to do so. Noted speakers will be on hand; there will be auctions----and every delegate will be given an opportunity of expressing his numismatic views.

Transportation

Persons desiring transportation or passengers should write T. R. Hammer, Burlington, Ia., at once, regarding the trip of Iowans to the Columbus convention. INA should have a good attendance as the Hawkeye state delegates will invite the 1940 convention to Iowa.

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News Wanted for Columns of
YOUR State Association INA

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News briefs of all types are desired for all issues of the INA, which is YOUR bulletin. Interesting numismatic notes, club news, and so on----personal items----all these things are desired. Send them in yourself, or hand to any member of the publicity committee, listed in the first issue of the INA. There is but one editorial rule---that is, "hold it down---keep it short." After we've grown some more, we hope to publish 100 to 200 word articles each month, by members, on various phases of coins and numismatics generally. Your editor, with a syndicated column a month and 20 inches of Scrap-book material to prepare, can't take care of the job alone and keep it interesting, even if you would want it that way.

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OFFICERS OF INA:

Ted R. Hammer, Burlington, Iowa, President and Bulletin Editor; Earl M. Cole, 914 Frazier St., Des Moines, Secretary-Treasurer; R. E. McLain, Ins. Ex. Bldg., Des Moines, first vice president; V. Leon Belt, 221½ W. 4th St., Waterloo, second vice president; and L. G. Rogers, Waterloo; L. A. Page, Mason City; Elmer Laurent, Clinton; Walter Bohler, Ames; directors. Complete committee lists will be found in the first bulletin, issued last month. There also was a complete membership roster, with addresses of members, published in the first bulletin. There should be a committee there for every question any member or prospective member could raise. If not, please notify your officers, and we'll get one. And do not hesitate to notify us if you have suggestions for the good of the association--especially on ideas for the convention at Des Moines in October.

Second INA Convention to be
Held at Des Moines this Fall

Second convention of the Iowa Numismatic Association will be held at Des Moines, probably Sunday, Oct. 5, and all members and non-member collectors of Iowa should be making plans to attend. R. E. McLain is at this writing perfecting plans for this meeting, for which he is chairman. He has committees already at work on various phases of the meeting, and advance interest indicates some excellent material for the auction. The board will hold a brief business meeting preceding the general meeting.

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Advertising Available to
INA Members in Bulletin

Only members are permitted to advertise in the issues of the state association bulletin, INA, and it is the hope of officers that by the beginning of the year it will be self supporting, so that dues may be held at 50¢ per year. Advertising rates are 25¢ per inch, and the classified rate is 1¢ per word--no minimum and no maximum. The bulletin goes to nearly 200 Iowa collectors in addition to clubs throughout the country on the exchange list.

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Application Blanks Are Now
Available To All Members

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With this issue go copies of blanks for application for membership in the I.N.A. For those not yet having the honor of belonging, fill out TODAY and send with 50¢ to the secretary, membership chairman, or any other officer. Addresses of these are listed in No. 1 bulletin, issued last month. Even these homely little affairs may some day be numismatic items.

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We don't know about you, but we know we received many, many communications following the Iowa City meeting. They mostly were from people with old coins to sell---"valuable old coins" which they were willing to sacrifice for a trip to Europe or a new automobile. No writer included postage and when we came to the one offering an 1838 half dollar for \$500, "because I have a chance to sell it for that," we gave up, tossing the letters into the wastebasket.

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M. Vernon Sheldon, secretary of the Chicago Coin club and one of our Iowa City speakers (and heavy auction bidders), is one of the two candidates for ANA secretary at the forthcoming convention to be held in Columbus, Ohio, starting August 13.

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Perhaps we are aiming too high, but we hope to extend an invitation to the American Numismatic Association to meet in Iowa in 1940.

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The Quad Cities club at Davenport is holding a dinner meeting soon and all Iowa collectors interested in attending will be welcomed. W. M. Baker is chairman of arrangements. Drop him a double postal for details. Jake Simon, secretary of that club, got so busy with the auction in Iowa City he forgot to sign for membership in the INA, but sent his 50 cents in later.

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Congressional investigations are nothing new, you may be interested in knowing----and probably already knew. Back in the 1780's when a handful of patriots were trying to start the mint, there was plenty of opposition. And after it got going in 1793 (built in 1792), the opposition continued and numerous senators and congressmen supported moves to abolish it. Last serious effort was in 1802, but this action was lost in the committee in 1803. This also is something which happens even with New Dealers. Some individuals blackened the character of various mint officials and otherwise tried to interfere with the mint. Is it news to you that at the start we had free coinage? And that for years and years no means were provided to buy bullion? And that the mint cost hundreds of thousands of dollars more than was coined?

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Down in Burlington, Margaret Vandevort, teller at the Farmers and Merchants Savings bank, took an 1862 \$2 bill, fine condition, over the counter the other day. This same teller, a collector herself, handed yours truly a 1922 plain cent in fine condition along with some change recently.

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We sent out 25 postals asking for news and ads for this issue of the INA, but had little response. Lee Hewitt, publisher of Numismatic Scrapbook and member of the INA, suggests there should be no advertising and no attempt to make the bulletin pay for itself, "because that's the main thing members get for their dues." He sent us a copy of the current Chicago Coin club bulletin, a quarterly publication of four printed pages.

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We did receive several suggestions relative to a dealers' bourse at our meetings. W. M. Baker of Davenport opposes this, feeling it will hurt our auctions. Several others wrote similarly--including Jake Simon of the same city. Another suggests a bourse, but with dealers not taking part, having it open only to INA members.

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OCTOBER AUCTION

At the auction to be held in connection with the state meeting at Des Moines in October, material must be sent in in advance. Lists will be available and from here it looks like a highly successful gathering and auction in every respect. R. E. McLain will answer queries on this.

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COMMITTEE ON INA SEAL

Herewith is another committee appointment, and members will be happy to have suggestions from throughout the membership. It is a committee to report at Des Moines after discussing a seal, crest or insignia for INA---to be used on medals, stationery, membership cards, and so on. We hope the committee will have several drawings for consideration at Des Moines---the committee appointment follows the policy of using committee members from the same area, where possible, so it will be possible for them to meet personally (and save postage). Dr. R. J. Schneider of Rock Island, chairman, W. M. Baker, and Lauren Benson.

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THERE ARE TWO SIDES TO EVERY STORY, AND EVERY COIN. Any small boy knows you can have as much fun fishing with a willow pole and pin-hook. The same goes for collections. I KNOW! Cordially, TED

SECOND MEETING OF IOWA NUMISMATISTS IN DES MOINES ON OCTOBER 16.

Plans Completed for Fall
Convention McLain Reports
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Plans have been completed for the second meeting of the Iowa Numismatic Association convention which will be held at Hotel Savery III, Fourth and Locust Sts., DesMoines, the night of Saturday, October 15, and all day Sunday, October 16.

A reception will be held at the hotel at 8:30 Saturday night in honor of J. Henri Ripstra and M. Vernon Sheldon, president and secretary respectively, of the American Numismatic Association and for other distinguished visitors.

Officers will hold a breakfast meeting at the hotel at 8:15 A.M. Sunday morning, with a short business meeting afterward. The convention session will open at 9:30 and will be over not later than 11:45, giving collectors a few minutes to "mill around" before the banquet. Everyone will have ample opportunity to bring up suggestions or plans from the convention floor.

Reports on the constitution and by-laws by the committee headed by V. Leon Belt of Waterloo and on adoption of an emblem by the committee headed by W. M. Baker of Davenport will be heard, and there will be a special report on the Iowa Commemorative coin.

President Ripstra of the ANA and the Iowa Numismatic Association President will have a joint statement made public for the first time at the Iowa meeting--a plan which before the next May INA meeting will attract national attention to collecting.

Special arrangements have been made for entertainment of the ladies---including a visit to radio station WHO during an actual broadcast. After the meeting that afternoon, there will be further opportunities to visitors to view the city---help from the Des Moines boys will be available on this---just make your wants known at the registration desk on the mezzanine floor.

R. E. McLain, first vice president of the INA and convention chairman, has announced the following official program:

- 9:30 A.M. Call to order by Vice Pres., R.E. McLain, Convention Chairman.
- 9:45 A.M. Address of welcome by Chamber of Commerce representative.
- 10:00 A.M. Response by INA Pres., Ted Hammer of Burlington.
- 10:15 A.M. Introduction of Distinguished Guests by Vice President McLain.
- 10:30 A.M. President Ted Hammer takes over.
- 10:35 A.M. Business meeting:
President's Address
Business meeting.
- 11:00 A.M. Statement from Iowa Centennial Commission and Discussion.
- 11:15 A.M. Address by M. Vernon Sheldon, General Secretary, A.N.A.
- 11:45 A.M. Adjournment for Banquet.
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- 1:30 P.M. Address by J. Henri Ripstra, President
- 2:00 P.M. View of Auction Coins
- 2:30 P.M. Auction
Entertainment for ladies
- 4:30 P.M. View of coin Display by public

RATES AT HOTEL SAVERY

The Hotel Savery management announces rates of \$2.50 up for single rooms with bath and \$4.00 up for double rooms, with the rate \$5 for a double room with twin beds. Several collectors have announced they intend to get in Saturday afternoon and visit the capital city. The Chicago group will come over Friday night on the Rock Island's crack train, The Rocket.

On Saturday night, the 15th, Drake University and Creighton University of Omaha will play in the famous Drake bowl at 8:15. Drake of Des Moines is nationally famous as the "small school with the big football teams."

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BRING THE LADIES ALONG

Be sure to bring the ladies..... There will be a variety of entertainment for them during the morning business meeting and afternoon

auction. They are welcome at these if they wish.. And we know they'll want to attend the noon banquet and hear our excellent program which will be "sweet but brief."

NEW MEMBERS

Several new members have joined the INA since the last bulletin: M.A. Radke, Des Moines; Russell A. Hult, Des Moines; E.J. Hoag, Waukon; A.S. Erickson, Ames; J.B. Simon, Davenport; Dr. N.M. Hanson, Des Moines; Arnold E. Swanson, Des Moines; J. R. McDonald, Des Moines; Charles Gage, Fairfield; Booker Smith, Fairfield; Forest D. Lofton, Waterloo; M.F. Coontz, Waterloo; A.P. Brugge, Davenport; H.S. Rounds, Sioux City; William Hockstad, Burlington; L.W. Jenista, Cedar Rapids; B.B. Jeffrey, Burlington; R.W. Baker, Burlington; Stanley Smith, Burlington; James H. Wyman, Des Moines; Mrs. W. Lammer, Waterloo; Earl Alexander, Albia; Karl Shaner, Albia; C.B. Cornick, Mt. Union; Ross Burman, Burlington; Harriette Hammer, Burlington.

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This bulletin goes to other coin clubs listed in the Numismatist. We'd like yours also. TED HAMMER, Burlington, Iowa, Editor.

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To non-members wishing to bid in the INA auction: Send your bids along with your reservation and 25¢ for the balance of 1938. Dues are 50¢ per year and 50¢ will pay you up for all of 1939 as well as the balance of this year. Send applications with money to Earl Cole, 914 Frazier St., Des Moines, Iowa, Secretary of INA.

GET RESERVATIONS!!!

PLEASE SEND RESERVATIONS FOR THE OCTOBER MEETING TO R. E. McLAIN, INSURANCE EXCHANGE BLDG., DES MOINES, AT ONCE. JUST DROP A CARD OR INCLUDE WITH BIDS ON THE AUCTION..... PLEASE SEND RESERVATION.

YOU MAY HAND THEM TO ANY OTHER OFFICER: INA officers are: T.R. Hammer, Box 18, Burlington, Pres., R.E. McLain, Insurance Exchange Bldg., Des Moines, first vice Pres.; V. Leon Belt, 227½ E. Fourth St., Waterloo, second vice president; and Earl M. Cole, 914 Frazier St., Des Moines, is Secretary-Treas. Ted Hammer of Burlington is current editor of INA.

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Messrs. Bohler, Wyman and Hammer represented Iowa at the ANA convention in Columbus.

Committee Reports in Des Moines

Several important committee reports will be made at the Des Moines meeting, including one on the organization's "trademark" or emblem.

COMMEMORATIVE FOR IOWA

A member of the Des Moines Chamber of Commerce will speak briefly on plans for the commemorative half dollar... You'll all be interested in this.... There is some information about this which will not be made public until our meeting....

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For the Swappers, there will be ample time during the morning and afternoon to get together with other collectors and affect coin trades.

NO ASSESSMENTS PLANNED

Don't let the present administration find out about it--but there will be no assessment of any kind at the IM meeting of the INA because none is necessary. If unable to get there in time for the dinner at 12:30, come in later for the program and auction... YOUR PRESENCE IS IMPORTANT. PLEASE MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO ATTEND THE DES MOINES MEETING.

THESE COLUMNS ARE FOR YOUR USE..... THERE IS NO CHARGE MADE TO MEMBERS LET'S HAVE YOUR SWAP ITEMS OR NEWS.

Iowa Wooden Nickels from Burlington to trade for other items. Ted Hammer, Box 18, Burlington, Iowa.

The Quad Cities Coin Club of Davenport is working hard on the juvenile end of collecting and as a special project is preparing packets for young people. More about this next time, however.

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Every bidder in the INA auction will receive FREE copy of prices received at the October 16 auction.

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SECRETARIES: SEND US BRIEF ITEMS SUCH AS ELECTIONS, SPECIAL PROJECTS etc. FOR PUBLICATION IN INA, ALSO-- SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING THE BULLETIN AND THE ORGANIZATION AS WELL AS THE HOBBY GENERALLY.

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William Rayson, President of the Chicago Coin Club; Lee Hewitt, editor of Numismatic Scrapbook, and Earl Barger, all of Chicago, will be in the Illinois delegation at the INA meeting.

64 Register at Fall Meeting
of Iowa Coin Collectors

There were 64 registrations at the fall meeting of Iowa Numismatic Association members in Des Moines October 16, with an auction, banquet and active business meeting featuring the session.

Des Moines led cities with the number of registrations--a total of 16, with Muscatine, Waterloo, and Burlington 7 each; Davenport 3, Ames 3, and Clinton 3 (cities with clubs being mentioned here).

Many arrived the previous day and "gab sessions" provided the chief entertainment until Milton Radke of Des Moines supervised an auto tour of the capital city. Mrs. Radke, meantime, took some of the women on a shopping tour (which may account for the lack of some bids on the part of several who had hoped to have more money for the Sunday auction).

J. Henri Ripstra and M. Vernon Sheldon, President and secretary respectively of the American Numismatic association, broadcast over station KRNT Saturday night. Both spoke at the Sunday meetings.

R. E. McLain, first vice president of the I.N.A., was Des Moines' busiest citizen over that weekend, especially Sunday morning when he was trying to run the opening of the business meeting, help Art Kagan with arranging displays and greeting arrivals. He did an excellent job as convention chairman and while these jobs usually are "thankless" ones, we certainly appreciate his efforts, and the results showed the work he put in. The other Des Moines men also are to be congratulated: Kagan, Cole, Radke, Chenoweth, et al.

And to Mrs. Earl Cole, Mrs. Elmer Laurent, Mrs. Harriette Hammer, and Mrs. Milton Radke and other women who helped at IM--the association's sincere thanks. And thanks to all those who took the trouble to attend and remained for the banquet and auction.

Earl Cole Resigns; W.M. Baker
New Secretary and Treasurer

Earl M. Cole resigned during the Des Moines meeting as secretary-treasurer of the I.N.A., due to ill health, and W.M. Baker of Davenport was elected his successor. We congratulate Cole on the swell job he did as an officer and hope he continues to improve in health. And our best wishes go to Mr. Baker who lives in Davenport and who is a member of the Quad-Cities Coin Club and of the A.N.A.

HOW DID YOU HAPPEN TO TAKE UP
COLLECTING COINS AS HOBBY?

We'd like to hear more often from members. Drop us a letter with interesting items of coins, of local club activities and let us know how YOU happened to take up this hobby. We always appreciate suggestions for the improvement of the association and especially of the bulletin. Swap items are published free.

50¢ PAYS UP MEMBERSHIP THROUGH
1938 AND ALL OF THE COMING YEAR

New members may join the INA at this time for 50¢ which will pay up dues for the remainder of 1938 and all of 1939. Send applications and the 50¢ to W.M. BAKER, ROOM 7, UNION STATION, DAVENPORT, IOWA.

Walter Bohler of Ames, an INA director, was appointed district secretary of the ANA by Mr. Ripstra at Des Moines upon the resignation of Mr. Cole from this post as well as that of the INA secretaryship.

Burlington was awarded the spring meeting, when officers for the year will be elected. Committees for this event will be announced in the next bulletin. But the local committee, which consists of all Burlington collectors, already is busy on plans for the meeting and have set a quota of 100 for attendance. Plans to obtain an outstanding speaker already are underway. The Chamber of Commerce will provide an entertainment program in addition. PLAN NOW TO ATTEND.

General Secretary (ANA) M. Vernon Sheldon of Chicago made a bet with Miss Larcella Beck, Waterloo, that the picture taken for the Des Moines Register would be "good" while she contended it would be "punk." Our vote is it was an excellent one (and good publicity for Iowa Coin collecting, but Merrill says Miss Beck thinks it was not so good. What do you think? Should Miss Beck "pay off", or did Sheldon lose?

PRICES REALIZED AT THE IOWA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION AUCTION SALE
IN DES MOINES OCT. 16, 1938

Lot# - SalePrice

1--\$1.10	34--\$2.00	67--\$.50	101--23.50	135--\$.60
2-- .80	35-- 1.20	68-- 1.85	102-- 1.25	136-- .60
3-- .50	36-- .30	69-- .65	103-- 1.30	137-- .90
4-- 2.25	37-- .30	70-- .70	104-- 1.20	138-- .85
5-- 1.20	38-- .25	71-- 1.10	105-- 1.30	139-- .45
6-- .90	39-- 1.60	72-- 1.00	106-- 1.20	140-- .55
7-- .60	40-- .30	73-- .75	107-- 1.15	141-- .25
8-- 1.10	41-- 1.20	74-- .60	108-- 1.20	142-- 2.10
9-- .50	42-- .35	75-- .90	109-- 1.15	143-- 4.00
10-- .50	43-- .35	76-- .50	110-- 1.45	144-- 1.20
11-- .80	44-- .30	77-- .50	111-- 1.60	145-- 2.00
12-- 1.10	45-- 2.20	78-- .50	112-- 1.80	146-- .70
13-- .60	46-- 1.50	79-- .40	113-- 3.60	147-- 1.10
14-- .60	47-- .25	80-- 1.10	114-- 4.40	148-- .50
15-- .50	48-- .80	81-- 1.15	115-- 1.35	149-- 1.30
16-- 1.10	49-- .85	82-- 1.10	116-- 1.10	150-- 1.00
17-- .70	50-- .70	83-- .50	117-- 5.25	151-- 1.25
18-- .50	51-- .30	84-- .85	118-- 5.00	152-- 1.30
19-- .20	52-- .60	85-- 1.00	119-- 11.00	153-- 3.10
20-- .35	53-- .20	86-- 1.00	120-- 7.00	154-- .55
21-- .20	54-- .30	87-- 1.10	121-- 4.50	155-- .45
22-- .20	55-- .90	88-- 1.10	122-- 7.50	156-- .40
23-- .15	56-- .50	89-- .90	123-- 9.00	157-- 1.25
24-- .30	57-- 1.20	90-- .95	124-- 10.50	158-- .50
25-- 2.00	58-- .40	91-- .90	125-- 10.50	159-- .60
26-- 17.00	59-- 2.50	92-- 10.50	126-- 13.25	160-- 7.25
27-- .90	60-- 1.70	93-- .80	127-- 6.75	161-- 2.10
28-- .85	61-- 1.10	94-- 1.00	128-- 52.50	162-- 12.75
29-- 1.20	62-- .25	95-- 3.50	129-- 2.80	163-- 1.75
30-- 2.70	63-- .20	96-- 1.50	130-- 1.50	164-- .25
31-- .20	64-- .85	97-- 1.35	131-- .45	165-- 1.10
32-- .15	65-- .55	98-- 2.50	132-- .40	43-a-- .70
33-- .70	66-- 1.25	99-- 1.10	133-- .35	142a-- 2.30
		100-- 1.55,	134-- .90	142b-- 2.25

I.N.A. REGISTRATION LIST, OCTOBER 16, 1938, FALL MEETING IN DES MOINES

M. A. Radke-----Des Moines
 Louis K. Ferguson-Ames
 D. N. Green-----Fairfield
 Chas. H. Gage-----Fairfield
 A. R. Goodman-----Des Moines
 W. W. Scott-----Des Moines
 E. C. Warns-----Des Moines
 Andrew Klitgaard-Harlan
 Gladys Klitgaard-Harlan
 A. E. Watson-----Grundy Center
 Dr. J. R. Schneider, Rock Island
 Marita Ehm-----Rock Island
 W. M. Baker-----Davenport
 Ernest Moore-----Muscatine
 Mrs. Ernest Moore-Muscatine
 George Moore-----Muscatine
 Mrs. George Moore-Muscatine
 Carl Casten-----Muscatine
 Mrs. Carl Casten--Muscatine
 Yvonne Casten-----Muscatine
 Elmer Laurent-----Clinton
 Mrs. Elmer Laurent, Clinton
 Harland E. Lamb---Grand Junction
 L. A. Page-----Mason City
 Mrs. L. A. Page---Mason City
 Robert L. Page----Mason City
 Mrs. Robert Lammer-Waterloo
 Oliver J. Schutte-Waterloo
 B. B. Jeffrey-----Burlington
 Mrs. B. B. Jeffrey-Burlington
 F. D. Lofton-----Waterloo
 R. E. McLain-----Des Moines

C. M. Shannon-----Des Moines
 Stanley Smith-----Burlington
 Mrs. Ross Burman---Burlington
 J. Henri Ripstra---Chicago
 Ross Burman-----Burlington
 H. W. Tapley-----Des Moines
 Jas. H. Wyman-----Des Moines
 R. L. Watkins-----Clinton
 Ted R. Hammer-----Burlington
 Mrs. Ted R. Hammer-Burlington
 L. G. Maring-----Waterloo
 M. Vernon Sheldon--Chicago
 Earl M. Cole-----Des Moines
 V. Leon Belt-----Waterloo
 Mrs. Earl M. Cole--Des Moines
 David Pierce-----Ottumwa
 Marcella L. Beck---Waterloo
 Earl Alexander-----Albia
 Harry Dicks-----Albia
 L. M. Chenoweth---Des Moines
 W. M. Rosen-----Ogden
 Mrs. V. Leon Belt--Waterloo
 W. P. Bohler-----Ames
 T. J. Barnes-----Cedar
 A. Kagin-----Des Moines
 Wesley Frels-----Ames
 Frank Sawyer-----Des Moines
 Mr. A. Burton-----Newton
 Mrs. A. Burton---Newton
 N. M. Hansen-----Des Moines
 A. E. Swanson-----Des Moines
 Leon H. Smith-----Des Moines

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Merry Christmas

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Happy New Year



MEET V. LEON BELT Waterloo attorney and second vice president of the Iowa numismatic association. Mr. Belt, who has one of the finest U. S. Collections in the entire middle west, began collecting in 1893 when his father brought home a Columbian commemorative from the world fair. He picked up several other coins shortly after that, and has been at it ever since. And there still are many elusive pieces on his want list. Mr. Belt never has found a rarity in circulation, but he still is a "believer", and seldom lets a day go by without continuing his hunt.

His father operated a store, which proved a help to the youth's hobby -- up to a point. The store was robbed and all his coins were stolen. It was only then however, that he took up the hobby seriously -- "what you have is worthless until you lose it, and THEN it becomes most desirable," explains the Waterloo attorney. Soon after that, he came into possession of an 1896 \$1 bill (History Instructing Youth) which it was rumored was being recalled due to an error. So he immediately wanted some of those.

Mr. Belt obtained his real start through buying a collection at a bankrupt sale. The lot included a set of large cents and other items.

Mr. Belt, unlike most collectors, never has a coin for sale, although he occasionally will be a party to a trade to help a fellow collector. To him, numismatics is purely a hobby and in no sense a business. Hundreds of dollars pass through his hands weekly and many items are brought to him by residents of Black Hawk County yearly for identification and appraisal. People up in Black Hawk County are not unlike those of other areas. They think every badly worn coin has a premium on it, and in approaching Mr. Belt, express a willingness to exchange a Columbian half or shield nickel for a new automobile or a trip to Europe.

Our vice president helped organize the Corn Belt Coin club of Waterloo and also the Cedar Valley Stamp Club. He is Number 4437 in the ANA and 567 in the TMPS. He also aided in preliminary work leading to organizing the Iowa Numismatic Association. Like E. T. McLain of Des Moines, he declined to be a candidate for the presidency.

Getting his coins the hard way, through auctions and sales, he never lets a yawning hole in an album bother him, because he knows that in time he'll fill it. And the worn 1799 cent does not bother him, even though he knows of better specimens in his own town, because he knows that he'll pick up a better one next week or next month or next year. When one vault in his office no longer was big enough to hold his stamp and coin collections, he bought another vault. His ear always is turned toward the novice or the advanced collector seeking help or information. And he's just as ready to ask questions about coins -- although it's our guess he's the best informed collector in Iowa on United States coins.

He is married, and his attractive wife shows a genuine interest in her husband's hobbies. She also knows coins should be handled by the edges when under inspection.

IOWA NOTES

Earl Cole who, when not busy with his hobby, operates a drug store at Sixth Avenue and Mulberry Street in Des Moines, keeps large cents on display in the cigaret case of the store.... Hardly a day passes but someone does not remark about them, and this leads to some of them returning with "rarities". The other day a woman in paying for a prescription, placed a silver dollar on the counter. "I hate to part with this," she told Earl, "because I've carried it for 10 years and it is a rare coin." The dollar, reports Mr. Cole, was a 1885 peace dollar. A coin with that date WOULD have been a rarity 10 years ago at that.

At the November meeting of the Corn Belt Coin club in Waterloo, there were 12 members and two visitors in attendance (one of them joining). Oliver Schutte displayed a set of quarters 1916 to date and copper coins. Florence Lammer reported on the state ANA meeting held at Des Moines in October. The club accepted an invitation to attend the Valley Stamp club's annual banquet which was addressed by J. Henri Ripstra, ANA president, November 18.

Secretary W. M. (Bill) Baker of Davenport has worked out a special system for TWA auctions. Each lot will be in an envelop to which will be attached the lot number, description, price brought, purchaser, etc., to be filled out in duplicate, at the same time giving this information on the envelop which goes to the purchaser. This will be tried out by the Quad-Cities club of Davenport.

CLUB SECRETARIES AND OTHER OFFICERS ARE HEREWITH REQUESTED AGAIN TO SEND NOTES OF MEETINGS AND OUTSTANDING NOTES OF INTEREST ABOUT IOWA COLLECTION GENERALLY AND COLLECTORS TO THE I.N.A. BULLETIN EDITOR, BOX 13, BURLINGTON, IA.

This issue is printed on the new duplicating machine purchased by the ANA, run off by Mrs. Ted Hammer, who just got out of diphtheria quarantine -- and whose illness delayed this issue.

DUES FOR 1939 ARE DUE JAN. 1. THIS AMOUNT PAYS YOU UP FOR ALL OF NEXT YEAR. SEND SAME TO W. M. BAKER, SECRETARY-TREASURER, ROOM 7, UNION STATION, DAVENPORT, IA.

The Quad-Cities club tried out something which worked well at the November meeting. Members donated coins, which were placed in a hat and not seen by anyone except the secretary. The lot was auctioned off, bringing in several dollars for the club treasury. The purchaser said he got "a good buy". Perhaps we'll ask each club to donate some item at the May convention of the I.N.A.

Indians may have been thick out west once, but not today, says Cleo Loserth of Burlington. She found only 3 Indianhead cents in going through 5,500 while on a motor trip to the west coast recently. She found: 1903 S-10-1, 1909 S-120-3, 1910 S-11-6, 1911 S-10, 1912 S-11, 1913 S-18, 1914 S-19, 1914 D-1, 1915 S-11, 1922-1, 1922 D-6, 1924 D-2, 1926 S-45, 1931 S-6, and 1931 D-2 (note some 31D than 31S required by west coast, as apparently the 3 were common).

NEW MEMBERS. SEND APPLICATION BLANKS WITH 50¢ TO SECRETARY W. M. BAKER, ROOM 7, UNION STATION, DAVENPORT, IA., AND BECOME ONE OF US!

HOW ABOUT A MEMBERSHIP CONTEST WITH PRIZES TO WINNERS? SEND SUGGESTIONS TO TED HAMMER, BURLINGTON, IA.

IN OUR NEXT BULLETIN: A COPY OF A LETTER BY MARTIN KORTJONI PERTAINING TO CONGRESSMEN ABOUT COINS. ALSO WE HOPE TO HAVE SOME ADS. MEMBERS CAN USE FACILITIES OF BULLETIN FREE FOR SWAPPING ITEMS.... SEND SOME SWAP ADS ALONG FOR FREE PUBLICATION IN NEXT BULLETIN BUT NOT LATER THAN JAN. 3.

START PLANNING NOW TO ATTEND I.N.A. CONVENTION NEXT MAY AT BURLINGTON (ON THE MISSOURI RIVER). SWELL PROGRAM INCLUDING ADDRESS BY SECRET SERVICE OPERATIVE AND FREI SHADLER, PRINCE OF MAGIC, ALREADY DEFINITELY SET.

Jefferson's home is shown on the reverse of the new 5 cent piece to demonstrate you can't get far from home on a nickel.

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